

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 13, 14, 16 and 19 have been amended. Claim 17 has been cancelled. Claims 20-27 have been added. Claims 10-16 and 18-27 are pending and under consideration.

In the Office Action cover sheet and on page 3, the Examiner indicates that claims 10-12 and 15 are allowed, of which claims 10, 12 and 15 are independent. Claim 18 was allowed in a previous Office Action. Claims 13, 14, 16 and 19 previously depended on cancelled claim 17. With the foregoing claim changes, claims 13, 14, 16 and 19 are presented as claims that depend on allowable claims 10, 12 and 15. The subject matter of claims 13, 14, 16 and 19 is now presented as claims 13, 14, 16 and 19-27. Because these claims depend on allowed base claims, it is submitted that claims 13, 14, 16 and 19-27 are also in condition for allowance.

This amendment simply cancels claims and complies with an express requirement of the Examiner. Therefore, this amendment is fully appropriate for entry at this after final stage of prosecution. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(1). With regard to the dependent claims, the Examiner has already considered the limitations of these claims. The dependent claims depend on allowable independent claims and do not introduce antecedent basis problems. During a teleconference with the Examiner on June 18, 2010, the Examiner tentatively agreed and indicated that the foregoing amendments would be entered.

Based on the Examiner's indications of allowability for the pending claims, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

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Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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